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In re Application of:  
Vaughn Keenan et al  
Application No. 09/876,230  
Filed: June 8, 2001  
For: **CAMERA-BASED SYSTEM FOR  
CAPTURING IMAGES OF A TARGET AREA**

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**DECISION ON PETITION  
TO MAKE SPECIAL**

This is a decision on the Petition filed December 11, 2002, under Manual of Patent Examination Procedure §708.02, II: Infringement.

A grantable petition under Manual of Patent Examination Procedure §708.02, II, must be accompanied by the required fee and a statement alleging:

- (1) that there is an infringing device or product actually on the market or method in use;
- (2) that a rigid comparison of the alleged infringing device, product, or method with the claims of the application has been made, and that, in his or her opinion, some of the claims are unquestionably infringed; and,
- (3) that he or she has made or caused to be made a careful and thorough search of the prior art or has a good knowledge of the pertinent prior art. Further, Applicant must provide one copy of each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims if said references are not already of record.

The petition meets all the above-listed requirements. Accordingly, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will retain its special status throughout its entire prosecution, including any appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, subject only to diligent prosecution by the applicant. After mailing, the application will be forwarded to the examiner for immediate handling.

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